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Re: Food Irradiation – Docket #98N-1038

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to urge you to keep the radura label and notice of food irradiation on food that has been irradiated. The absence of such a statement would be misleading to the public who is entitled to notice of what they are purchasing for consumption. It would be an outrage to allow the food to be labeled "cold pasteurization". This would be a deliberate attempt to deceive the public which would not that the food had been treated with radioactive isotopes.

Irradiation creates a new class of radiolytic products that never been tested for possible carcinogenic effects in humans. It also destroys the good bacteria, as well as the bad, which could make the food more easily susceptible to contamination when it comes home from the market.

New volumes of radioactive waste from Cobalt-60 and Cesium will plague our nation, exposing workers to toxic radionuclides when we haven't a clue as to what to do with the mountains of nuclear waste which are already poisoning our air and water.

I am also requesting that public comments be placed on the Internet to inform the public of the extent of comments in favor of public notice and who is making them, as well as the identification of the industrial flaks who will stop at nothing to make a profit. Agribusiness has a stake in fooling the public so they can sell their contaminated meat products, raised on "factory farms" as a healthy product because it has been nuked. Let's see who's behind this and how many people really care about the wholesomeness of their food.

Many thanks for your consideration.

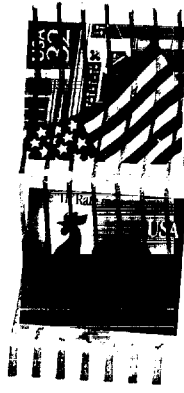
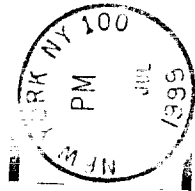
Sincerely,



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